

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 18, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, the drawings, specification, Abstract and claim 6 have been amended. New claim 11 has been added. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found on at least page 4, lines 2-5 and page 8, lines 13-18 of the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 6-11 are pending and respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 6-10. The Applicants submit that in view of the amendments discussed herein, the application is in condition for allowance.

The specification was objected to for a minor informality. The Applicants have amended the specification responsive to the objection.

The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed September 11, 2003, was objected to as not including a legible copy of the foreign patents. The Applicants submit, herewith a new IDS including a legible copy of the foreign patents.

The Abstract was objected to for minor informalities. The Applicants have amended the Abstract responsive to the objection. A Substitute Abstract is attached to this response.

The drawings were objected to because Figures 9 and 10 were not designated by the "Prior Art" legend; and for having inconsistent labeling with the parent application

(U.S. Patent No. 6,690,638). The Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 9 and 10 drawings responsive to the objections.

Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Office Action took the position that the limitation, "wherein the mass of the sub-frame is $1/10 - 1/3$ of the mass of the main frame," recited in claim 6, is indefinite, because it is unclear what the weight includes. The specification discloses that the weight of the sub-frame *including mounted members* is $1/10 - 1/3$ of the whole weight of the main frame *including mounted members*. See page 8, lines 13-18 of the specification. The specification further discloses mounted members as the turntable on the spindle, the pickup, and the guide rails. See page 4, lines 2-5 of the specification. The Applicants have amended claim 6 to clarify this feature and submit that all claims are in compliance with U.S. patent practice.

New claim 11 further recites the mounted members.

Claims 7-11 depend from claim 6. The Applicants respectfully submit that these dependent claims are allowable at least because of their dependency from allowable base claim 6. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections and rejections, allowance of claims 6-11, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an

extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 107156-00205.**

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Enclosures: Substitute Abstract
Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-3, 9 and 10

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The Applicants respectfully present herewith replacement Figs. 1-3, 9 and 10, which include the desired changes, without markings, and which comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84. The changes made to Figs. 1-3, 9 and 10 are explained in the accompanying remarks section below.